

REMARKS

Allowable Claims

Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for finding that claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10 and 14 are allowable.

Objections

Claims 3-4 and 12-13 were objected to for certain informalities. These objections have been addressed by way of the present amendment. Claims 3-4 and 12-13 were not otherwise rejected and should therefore now be allowable.

Novelty rejection of claims 15-16 and 21-22 in view of Beck (GB 1407065)


Claims 15-16 and 21-22 have been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot. Cancellation of claims 15-16 and 21-22 is made without prejudice, without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record, and without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application with the cancelled claims.

Conclusion

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4793. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two copies of an Amendment Transmittal Letter filed herewith.

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